

## ***Louisville History Foundation Takes on Fundraising Role***

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The Louisville History Foundation has taken on the fundraising role previously handled by the Louisville Historical Commission! The Foundation's mission, in part, is to stimulate broad-based support for local history and the Louisville Historical Museum. The Historical Commission will continue to perform its valuable role as an official advisory board to the City of Louisville. This reorganization, which took effect on January 1, is modeled on the Louisville Public Library's structure of having both an advisory board and a foundation board, and on how many government-owned libraries and museums in our area are structured.

For our membership program and visitors, the primary noticeable change is that we are asking that membership and donation checks now be made out to the Louisville History Foundation instead of to the Historical Commission. The members of what used to be called the "Louisville Historical Society" are now members of the Foundation. We will continue to send the quarterly *Louisville Historian* publication with its interesting articles about Louisville history to members.

Many who are familiar with the buildings of the Louisville Historical Museum recognize that it's in great need of additional space for such purposes as storage for the Museum's collection, work space for staff and volunteers, and an ADA accessible restroom. The directors of the Louisville History Foundation intend to focus attention on fundraising to help the City of Louisville with the costs of a climate controlled building built according to museum standards so that we can better fulfill the Museum's mission to "promote, collect, preserve, and interpret the diverse history of Louisville."

We are excited about how the new structure has the potential to open up new opportunities for promoting Louisville and its history, expanding education and outreach, and preserving our unique and valuable collection of artifacts, archival documents, oral histories, and historic photos, as well as providing visitors to downtown Louisville with memorable and fun museum experiences. Stay tuned, and thank you to our members and supporters!